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SUBJECT: HAFEZ ISMAIL VISIT TO MOSCOW BARES DIFFERENCES

1. JORDANIAN EMBASSY SOURCE SHARES GENERAL BELIEF HERE THAT HAFEZ ISMAIL JULY 11-14 VISIT TO MOSCOW WAS NOT A HAPPY ONE. IN FACT, HE TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE BELIEVED CHANCES BETTER THAN EVEN THAT EGYPT WOULD UNILATERALLY ABROGATE FRIENDSHIP TREATY WITHIN A FEW WEEKS, PERHAPS ON OCCASION OF SADAT SPEECH JULY 23.

2. SOURCE ASSERTED THAT EGYPTIANS PUSHED HARD FOR VISIT AND THAT SOVIETS RESISTED (INDEED, WITH DRV DELEGATION HERE AND WITH BREZHNEV GETTING LENIN PEACE PRIZE JULY 11, SOVIET LEADERS HAD THEIR PLATES FULL.) SOURCE SENSED ATMOSPHERE SIMILAR TO THAT OF SIDKY VISIT JUST A YEAR AGO, WHICH ALSO FOLLOWED A US-SOVIET SUMMIT AND WHICH PRECEDED SADAT'S EXPULSION OF
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SOVIET MILITARY ADVISORS BY ONLY A FEW DAYS.

3. SOVIET PRESS REFERENCES TO BREZHNEV-HAFEZ CONFIRMATION OF "IMPORTANT SIGNIFICANCE" OF FRIENDSHIP TREATY WOULD TEND TO UNDERCUT SUCH SPECULATION, ALTHOUGH THAT FORMULATION SAYS NOTHING ABOUT TREATY'S FUTURE. CERTAINLY, THERE IS AMPLE EVIDENCE OF DISAGREEMENT DURING HAFEZ'S STAY. IN SHARP DISTINCTION FROM HIS VISIT LAST FEBRUARY, TALKS WERE DESCRIBED IN SOVIET PRESS AS FRANK (AS WELL AS FRIENDLY) AND NO JOINT STATEMENT WAS ISSUED.

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